(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have launched the situation assessment survey on Indian farmers; and

(d) if so, the details of results indicated by the above survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. In order to ensure that the farmers, especially small and marginal farmers who need more protection, are not put to any hardship, the Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items and is committed to providing adequate protection to the domestic producers by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include appropriate calibration of applied tariff within the bound level, imposition of anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard action under certain specified circumstances. Under various schemes, the small and marginal farmers continue to get the benefit of subsidy.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The National Sample Survey Organisation is conducting a situation Assessment Survey on the condition of Indian farmers as part of their 59th Round with agricultural year, 2002-2003 as the reference period. The survey has been sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture as Phase II of the Study entitled "State of Indian Farmers—A Millennium Study". The field work for the Survey commenced in January, 2003 and is planned to continue till December, 2003. The report of the Survey is expected to be available after about 12 months from the date of completion of the field work of the Survey.

Second green revolution

3735. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY :
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country is planning to envisage second green revolution to feed the growing population;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the programmes have also been planned to double the farm productivity; and

(e) the other steps proposed to ensure that food production is completed with poverty alleviation and environmental presentation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (d) There is no separate scheme to launch a second green revolution in the country. However, Government is implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing the production of cereal crops. Technology Mission of Pulses and Maize are also being implemented meeting the requirement of growing population.

(e) In addition to implementing various schemes for increasing production of foodgrains, Government is implementing a number of other schemes for poverty alleviation also; e.g. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojna (SGRY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP).

Development of rice by IRRI

3736. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists from International Rice Research Institute have developed a new variety of rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced for use by public at large?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) The International Rice Research Institute, Philippines develops and identifies rice breeding materials/ lines and provides them to the National Agricultural Research system for evaluation and testing. Recently, such lines have been identified in the areas of New Plant Type and Drought and Submergence tolerance etc. These lines are being tested in our national programme on rice.

(c) Since these lines are at various stages of testing, the time by which they are likely to be released will largely depend on their performance in the multi-location trials under Indian conditions.